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Probate Court Notes

Corunna, July 19.—Several minor matters were disposed of in Probate court Tuesday.

In the estate of Judge Hugh McCurdy a petition was filed for the right to sell real estate in this county for distribution.

Laura Butcher, administratrix of the estate of Robert Butcher, rendered her final account and was discharged.

Fox-Carpenter.

The marriage of C. P. Fox and Mrs. Laura Carpenter was solemnized in Corunna, Saturday, July 15. Rev. J. Hartley Causfield, pastor of the Owosso First M. E. church, officiating. Mr. Fox is employed as chief car inspector for the Grand Trunk at Durand. Mrs. Fox formerly resided in Corunna. Following a brief wedding trip they will be at home to their friends at 416 Branch street, Durand.

Accused by Sister.

Albert Trombley of Shiawassee township, was arrested Monday, charged with assault and battery by Mrs. Jennie Miller of the same township. He was arraigned before Justice Robert McBride and the case was adjourned until July 26th.

Mrs. Miller is a sister of Trombley, and in an argument over property it is alleged, that the defendant struck her. Trombley has secured the services of an attorney and will fight the case.

Herrick-Clark

Friends and relatives have received announcements of the marriage of Miss Grace Herrick to Dr. C. M. Clark of Detroit, which took place June 27, at Hotel Statler in Buffalo, N. Y. After a trip to Oriskany Falls, N. Y., they will be at home to their friends after August 1st at the Hotel Central in Romulus, Mich.

Miss Herrick formerly resided in this city and has many friends here who extend congratulations.

Birthday Party.

About 30 relatives of Mrs. Wesley Kurlle gathered at her home north of Chesaning to help her celebrate her 45th birthday, Monday. A bountiful basket dinner was served, after which the guests motored to the Prairie Farm. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Frye of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Freeman, Miss Meridith; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Freeman, of Owosso; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Freeman and family; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Freeman and son, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Linzey and daughter, Richard Freeman and daughter, Sadie, of New Haven; and Miss Hazelle Freeman of Henderson. A very good time was had by all.

Death of Edwin Peake.

Edwin Peake, aged 63 years, died Tuesday, at his farm southwest of Owosso, after a several weeks' illness. The body was taken to his old home in Corunna and the funeral held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Wortell, East Oliver street, Corunna.

The deceased was born in England and came to America in 1833. In the year 1884 the family moved to Corunna where he has since resided until a year ago, when he moved to the farm southwest of Owosso. He leaves beside his widow and one daughter, four grandchildren. Interment was made in Pine Tree cemetery.

Asks Cancellation of Contract.

Corunna, July 17.—A bill to cancel a land contract was filed in circuit court Saturday afternoon by Fannie Norton of Shiawassee township against Jacob Miller and wife, also of that place, through Attorney A. L. Chandler.

The plaintiff, a rug and carpet weaver, claims to have saved enough money from her earnings during a period of several years to purchase a house and several lots in Shiawassee township. She later entered into a contract with Miller and his wife, whereby they were to occupy her property and in return furnish her food and clothing for the remainder of her life. Upon her death, according to the bill filed in court, the Miller family was to receive the property.

Now the plaintiff claims that the Millers did not live up to their agreement and she asks that the land contract be cancelled.

J. H. Collins of Corunna, who was an alternate delegate to the Republican National convention, has received an invitation from Chairman Wilcox of the Republican National committee, to be present at the ceremonies in Carnegie hall, New York City, July 31st, when Chas. E. Hughes will be officially notified of his nomination for the presidency. Mr. Collins will be on his vacation at Rochester, N. Y., and may be able to be present at the gathering and reception following.

OWOSSO SOCIETY OF DETROIT

O. L. Sprague Will Deliver Address At First Annual Gathering.

Detroit, July 20.—All Owosso is invited to the first meeting of the Owosso society of Detroit—a basket picnic at Belle Isle Saturday afternoon and evening, July 29.

In inviting Otto L. Sprague, an Owosso business man and former mayor, to represent his city at the picnic as speaker of the day, the society expressed the desire that any Owosso residents visiting in Detroit on the day of the picnic, feel free to attend the outing.

Final arrangements for the reunion were made Tuesday evening at a second meeting in the offices of Harry T. Clough, secretary of the Detroit Real Estate board, 348 Penobscot building. The date and place were fixed finally by the 15 or more men who attended.

E. L. Devereaux, W. D. Kilpatrick and Dr. A. D. Glascock were chosen vice-presidents. O. C. Seeley, W. D. Kilpatrick and Thomas P. Phillips were appointed the committee on speakers. Other committees named were:

Music—Dr. Rudolph von Tiele, Frank E. Phillips, Dr. Glascock. Grounds and park privileges—Alonso Crane, E. L. Devereaux, W. E. McKenzie.

Sports—Clare G. Rente, Frank E. Phillips, Claude Alexander. Amusements for children—A. J. Troy, E. C. Kline, Elmer Hebbert.

Badges—Harry T. Clough. The reception committee will consist of officers of the organization and their ladies, while the program committee will be made up of the chairman of the other committees, with W. D. Kilpatrick as chairman. A basket dinner committee it to be appointed later by Alonso Crane, chairman of the society.

Favorable replies have been received from many former Owosso residents now living here to the circular letters sent out by the society following the organization meeting a week ago. It is expected 200 to 300 will be present when the program gets under way at the island about 2 p. m.

The sports committee already has under consideration plans for many events. One will include an exhibition of the sport that helped to make Owosso known nationally—indoor base ball. Two members of the old West Side world's championship team are in Detroit and probably will play. They are Edward J. Byrnes and Frank E. Phillips.

Former Owosso persons who attended Tuesday night's meeting included: Frank Stengel, Ed Allingham, Thomas Yale, Ed. Henderson, Clare G. Rente, W. D. Kilpatrick, Albert J. Troy.

State Wants the Money.

In the estate of Gustave Knop, deceased, the question of whether the estate escheats to the state or not has arisen. At the time the will was probated no heirs to the estate appeared and it was decided to turn the estate over to the state. However, a man named Knop from Wyandotte, claims to be a cousin of Gustave Knop and is here to push his claim to the estate. He has retained Attorney W. J. Parker to look after his interests.

A representative of the attorney general's office was in Corunna, Monday, and a hearing in the matter was held before Judge Bush. The testimony of two witnesses was taken and the case was then adjourned until afternoon.

In the estate of Hugh McCurdy, deceased, a petition has been filed to allow the administrator to sell some real estate. It is expected that this estate will be closed up very soon.

Wants Quiet Title.

Corunna, July 19.—Suit has been commenced by Julia E. Spaw to quiet title to a farm located in Woodhull township. Mrs. Spaw and Mrs. Kent are sisters and the farm in question is a farm owned by their father, Edward Bray, who died a short time ago.

Mrs. Spaw claims that Mrs. Kent and her husband moved to the farm in Mr. Bray's declining years and that Mr. Kent worked the farm on shares. Mrs. Spaw says that during her sister's residence on the farm she exercised considerable influence over her father and his business. Before his death it is said that Mrs. Kent got Mr. Bray to make out a deed to the land in her favor, which was given to W. H. Hunt of Lansingburg.

In June of this year, Mrs. Kent secured possession of this deed through a writ of replevin on Mr. Hunt. Mrs. Spaw and the other heirs to the estate claim that this deed is void and they ask that the court set it aside. Attorney W. G. Cairns of Lansing is representing the plaintiffs in the case.

LETTERS FROM CAMP

Camp Ferris, Grayling, July 20.—The military censor is blamed for a lot of things lately. It has become the fashion to lay it on the censor when negligent soldiers fail to write to their wives, their mothers and even their sweethearts. "Censor held up my letter," is the calm assertion; "I tried to write you and he wouldn't let the message go through."

This is all bunk. The censor never looks at a letter that anyone sends other than himself. He does not scan private messages sent out by the telegraph company unless they are brought to him for a ruling. Several such messages, because they referred to movements of troops, were handed over by the telegraph operators, who are under orders to keep troop movements secret.

In all such instances, the messages have been rewritten, cutting out the announcement that the organization to which the officer or man belonged was going. But the information to which relatives were entitled, that the man himself was coming home, or was well, or was going himself, was left in.

There is no mail censorship whatsoever. The wire censorship refers solely and simply to specific statements concerning when and how troops are to move, and nothing else.

In response to a wire from Capt. Parker, Private Bert Hoover reported in camp Tuesday afternoon and will be mustered in. Harry Titcomb, who served three years in the Naval Reserve at Detroit, and who recently came to Owosso to live with his aunt, Mrs. Nellie Green, Cass street, expressed a desire to join Company H, of the 33rd.

Major Phillips directed him to present himself to Dr. A. M. Hume for physical examination. He received a wire Monday afternoon from the Owosso officer, informing him that if he passed this test he would be mustered into the Owosso company or some other. So far nothing has been heard from him.

Camp Ferris, Grayling, July 20.—Six members of Company H, 33d Inf., Owosso, who attempted to get transferred into Troop B, cavalry, of Detroit, are now doing extra police duty, according to Captain Parker. How long this will continue, he failed to state.

Captain Parker announced that Corporal John McDonald, ice cream manufacturer of Owosso, has made application for release upon the grounds that he has relatives dependent upon him for support. Captain Walter Stevens of the Supply company had intended to make Corporal McDonald sergeant of the troop train. Captain Stevens has not yet decided who will be appointed to this position.

A splendid old cheese, the gift of the Butterfat creamery, has been received by the company. A letter which accompanied the gift closed with the phrase "yours for preparedness."

Skirmishes and closed and extended order comprised the drill practice for Wednesday. In the evening the Owosso company appeared in a battalion parade which passed in review before brigade headquarters following retreat.

Privates R. Tompkins and George Broom were on guard Wednesday night.

The last injection of typhoid prophylaxis and the smallpox vaccination had their effect on members of Company H. Four men were reported on the sick list Wednesday morning. They were all suffering with reactions of the vaccines. By night, however, they were all greatly improved. Those reported sick are, George Speigel, John Quinn, George Holbeck and Arthur Hensky. A new recruit was added to the company membership rolls Wednesday. Harry Titcomb of Owosso, recently released from the naval reserve corps at Detroit, enlisted.

Jack Coleman was given a 72-hours' leave Wednesday to visit his folks at Owosso.

Camp Ferris, Grayling, July 18.—Six members of Co. H, 33rd Inf., from Owosso, will be given their releases through the new order from the war department authorizing the discharge of all enlisted men having one or more relatives dependent upon them.

Six applications endorsed by Owosso men, were presented to Captain Parker, Monday. He forwarded them to Colonel Boucher with his approval. The colonel in turn approved them and turned them over to General Kirk, who has sent them on to Washington where they will be passed on and the releases granted.

"I cannot turn down any application which has the proper number of signatures," Captain Parker said. "All I can do is to approve them. Each application must be accompanied by two certificates signed by reliable parties, before it is considered."

The entire company is now immunized against typhoid fever. The last injection of the typhoid prophylaxis was given Monday. All have taken

the smallpox vaccination. The treatment worked on approximately seventy-five per cent of the members.

Robert Harris has been promoted to sanitary sergeant. This is a new position created by Regimental Surgeon Major F. H. Randall. Major Randall has instituted several innovations in the camp in the interests of sanitation with the result that Lieut.-Col. Chas. Wilcox, head of the medical corps here, stated that the 33rd infantry has one of the cleanest camps he has ever seen.

The duties of a sanitary sergeant are to investigate all cases of filth and disease in his company and report to health officer. The result is that practically all the filth and disease have been discovered and remedied.

Monday night, Leslie Austin and Ralph Altenberg were guards for the company. The night before, Clifton Rudd and Bert Russell were on watch.

Battalion drills comprised the morning activities, Monday. The Owosso boys are becoming unusually proficient in the handling of arms as well as in the march formations. Every day sees vast improvement also in their physical condition. The Owosso delegation is one of the healthiest in the entire brigade. It is more than a week now since a case of illness has been reported in this company.

Camp Ferris, Grayling, July 19.—No more married men will be discharged from Co. H, Thirty-Third of Owosso, according to Captain Parker.

"Since the men have been assured that their families will be taken care of," he said, "there are only a few who want to leave. Some of the men are making more money right now than they were before the mobilization call, as their employers are still paying them their former salaries while they get their food, clothes and medical treatment besides a salary in the army. There are probably three deserving cases where the men will be released under the new order and that is all. I shall not approve any more applications."

There have been several promotions in the Owosso company. Byron Thompson has been promoted to mess sergeant, a position which Lieutenant-Colonel Heckel stated is one of the most important in the company. The mess sergeant is required to draw all rations and it is up to his judgment as to the amount of food necessary for each mess so that there will be no waste and the company can live on the rations allowed.

Privates Henry Schmidt and Jack Collman have been promoted to corporals.

The Owosso company helped extinguish the fire which threatened to sweep over the game preserve Monday. More than 50 Owosso young men fought the flames with picks, axes, shovels, water and gunny sacks.

Monday night guarding the warehouse were Corporal Jack Wright, Privates Frank Teiki, George Speigel and Alfred Belvet.

There was no drill Tuesday morning. For the first time in several days there was a number reported ill. The cause was the last injection of typhoid prophylaxis which was given the day before and which resulted in a general feeling of lassitude among members. Among those who felt the effect of the typhoid treatment more than the rest were Leo Houghteling, George Hallebeck, Harry Ross, Glen Gessman, Roy Smith, Alfred Weatherwax and Wilton Fillingim.

Among the visitors in camp Monday were: Mrs. Lighthill, mother of Sergeant Ralph Lighthill and Mrs. T. J. Tubbs, mother of Private Harry Tubbs. Miss Stebbins of Owosso accompanied Mrs. Tubbs to the camp here.

On guard Tuesday night were Otto Bronson and George Broom.

Quartermaster Sergeant August Schneider left Tuesday for a two days' furlough. He will visit at Owosso.

Death Caused by Heat.

Overcome by the intense heat Mrs. Bertha Spiegel, aged twenty-nine years, wife of Gustaf Spiegel, expired at noon Thursday at her home, 109 North Chipman street. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon from the home at 1:30 o'clock. The interment will take place in Oak Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Spiegel, who had apparently been in good health became prostrated by the heat only a very short time before death occurred. Besides her husband Mrs. Spiegel is survived by three children: Lulu, aged eleven; Marguerite, aged nine and Minnie, aged seven. Mrs. Spiegel was born in Chesaning and was formerly Miss Bertha Axelson.

I. G. Curry leaves on Tuesday next for Portland, Oregon, as a representative of the Michigan Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias to attend the session of the supreme lodge. He will visit a number of the important cities of the west enroute to Portland.

Mr. Fordney as Floor Leader in a Big Fight.

As ranking Republican member of the ways and means committee of the house, Rep. Fordney led the fight against the huge revenue raising measure that the Democrats have formulated and rushed through. He did not, of course, succeed in defeating the bill, but he obtained a number of changes and modifications against the strong opposition of the Democratic leaders responsible for it, and to this extent was unexpectedly successful.

His chief tactical gain, however, was the complete success of his strategy in putting the leaders of the opposition in a hole, where they had to resort to an arbitrary ruling by Speaker Clark to extract themselves and prevent a record vote. Mr. Fordney, when the struggle was nearing an end, moved that it be recommitted with instructions to "amend it so as to raise an equitable portion of the required revenue from a protective tariff sufficient to protect adequately American industry and American labor, and to be so adjusted as to prevent undue exactions by monopolies or trusts, paying particular attention to the conditions inevitable at the close of the present European war, with a view to insuring the industrial independence of the United States."

Democratic Leader Kitchen made a point of order against the motion and was sustained by Speaker Clark. But Mr. Fordney had brought into the fight the historic policy of the Republican party—protection for our industries—and the Democratic one of tariff for revenue only. In view of the enormous deficit in the treasury the administration has to face, Mr. Fordney did not pretend that the entire revenue required could justly be raised by higher duties and cutting down the free list; he moved only "to raise an equitable portion of the required revenue"—required, as the Democratic leaders tried to maintain, by the necessities of preparedness, but also by the long standing deficit caused by the Underwood act, by the \$43,000,000 rivers and harbors pork bill, by \$36,000,000 in wages to government employees, by \$30,000,000 for experimenting with a government owned nitrate plant, by \$11,000,000 for a government owned munitions factory, and similar extravagances and chimerical schemes. The Democratic leaders evidently did not desire to risk a vote on the principle of equity advanced by the Republican leader, or to vote against their time honored principle of tariff for revenue, otherwise they would not have resorted to a technical point of order to sidetrack it. Mr. Fordney was handsomely supported in his tactics by the Michigan Republican congressmen, who voted solidly with him.

The Saginaw representative made a strong fight also for the lowering of the normal income tax basis. It is now \$3,000, and the new bill retains it at that figure, although the percentage taken is raised 100 per cent. In this he has the support of high Democratic authority, no less than the New York World, chief organ of the administration, which, in an editorial entitled "Patriotism That Pays," declared:

The income tax levied at the close of the Civil war carried an exemption of only \$600. It was paid as a patriotic duty by a generation which had met all the personal sacrifices of a great conflict and did not hesitate to assume the financial burdens as well. If preparation means peace and security for America now living, as most people believe that it does, there are excellent reasons why the necessary expense should be widely distributed. Nothing of that kind is provided for by the present bill, which cannot possibly reach more than 500,000 people. What is needed is an exemption of not more than \$1,000 or \$1,500 where dependent children are involved, which would increase the number paying to many millions. Under such an arrangement national defense would not rest upon a class but upon the whole body of the people. There is no popular misunderstanding of the fact that in time of war the services of every able-bodied citizen are at the disposal of the country. It should be made equally plain in time of peace that financial responsibility even in a small way for measures regarded as the best insurance against war has universal application. Patriotism that pays is just as impressive as patriotism that fights.

The bill is frankly intended to make business corporations and individuals of large earning power and wealth pay the expenses of the government, and as they are mainly resident of the East and central West, the South and farther West will largely escape the burden. Thus the bill is sectionally as well as individually discriminatory, and justifies the strong opposition that Mr. Fordney marshaled against it. Moreover, Mr. Fordney came within 15 votes of defeating the outrageously discriminatory tax on copper ore, which hits Michigan hard.

Altogether Mr. Fordney's Eighth district constituents have every reason to congratulate their representative upon the showing he made in his first big fight as floor leader of his party.—Saginaw Courier-Herald.

Bailey-McMahon

A pretty wedding was solemnized Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bailey, 1232 North Shiawassee street, when their daughter, Miss Sylvia Elsie Bailey, was united in marriage to Harold D. McMahon. At the appointed hour for the ceremony, the Lohengrin wedding march was played. Rev. J. G. York of Lafayette, Ind., former pastor of the Baptist church of this city, officiated. The bride's cousin, little Beth Bailey, of Ovid, dressed in a pretty white frock, assisted as ring bearer. The bride's gown was of pink voile trimmed with silver. She carried a bridal bouquet of white roses tied with tulle. Miss Gertrude Moore of Jackson served as bridesmaid. Harold Bailey, brother of the bride, was best man.

Following the ceremony, a four-course luncheon was served to fifty invited guests by Misses Ruth Coakes of Bennington, Mary Ellen Brooks and Fern Wallace of Burton, Mrs. Ray Bailey of this city, and Misses Bertha Hayes, Cecil Hall, Leona Bailey, Amy Gaylord and Rose Thrift. The Bailey home was handsomely decorated throughout with sweet peas and roses. Pink was the decorative color scheme.

Mr. and Mrs. McMahon are well and favorably known among a wide circle of friends in this city. The latter graduated from the local high school with the class of 1914 and the following year taught school in Venice. During the past school year she instructed in Burton. The groom had made his home in this city practically all his life until three months ago when he went to Detroit to accept a position with the Chalmers Motor works.

Mr. and Mrs. McMahon, who have the hearty congratulations of their many friends here, went to their home in Detroit Wednesday evening.

Among the guests were: Mrs. Emma Remington of Flint, Warren McMahon and family and George Beard and daughter, Miss Gladys, of Morris, and Rev. A. M. Bailey and family of Ovid.

Death of Samuel K. Gardner.

Samuel K. Gardner, aged seventy-three years, died Thursday morning at 4:30 o'clock at his home, 426 Clinton street, after an illness of six weeks following an operation from which on account of his advanced age he never rallied. He was a man of kindly disposition and was beloved by all with whom he came in contact and leaves a host of friends to mourn his loss.

Mr. Gardner was born December 18, 1843 at Providence, R. I., in the house which was built by Joseph Williams, son of Roger Williams, founder of Rhode Island. The Roger Williams park in Providence today, is a part of what was once the Gardner estate. Mr. Gardner was married to Miss Nellie A. Ellsmore, December 13, 1866 at Pittsford, N. Y., and came to Shiawassee county the following October and located on a farm two miles south of this city. Later he removed to this city where he built several houses. As a young man he followed the trade of silversmith but later took up decorating, a trade which he followed as long as he worked. At Lincoln's call for volunteers he enlisted with the Ninth R. I. Infantry, Co. E, being mustered from service at the close of the war.

A widow and two children, Ray and Miss Myrtle Gardner, of this city, survive. The funeral will be held from the home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. H. Cansfield, pastor of the First M. E. church will officiate. The funeral will be held under the auspices of Quackenbush Post, G. A. R. The interment will take place in Oak Hill cemetery.

Gov. Ferris Out of Race.

Gov. Ferris has notified the Democratic powers that he will not accept a re-nomination. The decision was announced this morning after a series of interviews during the week in which attempts were made to induce him to become a candidate for a third term. Senator Murtha of Detroit, and W. O. Comstock of Alpena, are mentioned for the position.

Washington dispatches state that the committee on public buildings and grounds have recommended an appropriation of \$55,000 for a post office building at St. Johns and \$5,000 for a site in Alma. Congressman Fordney had bills pending for appropriations for both cities.